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Sep 9, 1954

Dear Allen:

In accordance with the Report of the Survey of USIA's Intelligence Needs and Assets the Department has examined whether, through the curtailment of other activities of its intelligence organization or elsewhere, the necessary funds could be provided for the recommended increased intelligence support to USIA, and agencies with related intelligence requirements. The Department has found that no such curtailment is possible.

The foregoing statement is submitted in order that CIA may proceed with the implementation of the Report, pending a reexamination of the method of financing the NIS Program.

Budget estimates in support of an expanded NIS program in the Department have been submitted to the CIA Comptroller at his request, in two parts: one relating to intelligence on international communism; the other concerning intelligence on selected segments of foreign societies, media research and analysis, foreign propaganda, impact of factors affecting public opinion and pertinent descriptive detail on foreign localities. The Comptroller suggested this segregation of estimates in view of your request that Mr. Richard Bissell and I discuss, in the near future, the location of responsibility for intelligence on international communism.

Sincerely yours,

W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,
2430 "E" Street, N. W.,
Washington 25, D. C.

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September 15, 1954

Dear Mr. Saunders:

On August 31, 1954, I transmitted to you budget estimates for expansion of the Department's NIS Program, involving additional Fiscal Year 1955 financing for intelligence on International Communism and for increased intelligence support for USIA and agencies with related intelligence requirements.

Since that time, the Department's NIS Coordinator, Mr. Daniel Clinton, has been asked by [redacted] of your Agency to arrange the submission of an alternative budget statement, relating to support for USIA and agencies with related intelligence requirements, to be based on different terms of reference than was the former statement. Accordingly, the revised statement is attached and justifies the sum of \$142,675 for Fiscal Year 1955. The previously submitted estimate for intelligence on International Communism remains unchanged.

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It will be appreciated if you can keep us advised, from time to time, as to the status of this budget estimate. If any further information is required, we will, of course, be pleased to furnish it.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Killea
Director, Executive Staff,
Intelligence

Mr. E. R. Saunders, Comptroller,
Central Intelligence Agency,
2430 "E" Street, N. W.,
Washington 25, D. C.

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